

2013 Needs Assessment for Pickens County

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Accomplishments

REACH program in operation as Juvenile Re-Direction Program

Faith Based Participation in CPC

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First Priority

Need related to children of this county

Decrease drug use and abuse among youth (meth, tobacco, alcohol, and prescription)

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
DYS ABC Board Local Police Drug-Free Task Force Portions of current grants that focus on decreasing drug use	In-school preventative educational resources Local treatment resources Parent education

Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

Prepare grant proposals to include preventative education for students and parents, and local treatment resources such as counseling

Provide more parent education to inform them of signs of drug use and abuse, resources, and solutions

Include media presentations

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Second Priority

Need related to children of this county

Alternative re-direction programs for juvenile offenders

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
REACH Program- a grant funded re-direction program funded by DYS to Pickens County DYS Faith Based Organizations	Increased collaboration with faith based organizations Additional resources for parenting education

Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

Work with Faith Based Organizations to expand the Juvenile Re-Direction Program to identify, train, and utilize mentors for youth offenders

Seek additional funding to finance REACH program

Seek additional funding for parent education

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Third Priority

Need related to children of this county

Economic Stability for families in Pickens County

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
GED classes AIDT Job Readiness Classes AIDT Work Force Development Fatherhood Initiative & Subsidized Employment through the Responsible Fatherhood Program Youth Build Program Area Career Center Aliceville Correctional Facility	More local jobs More local skill training programs (Ex. career technical programs through BOE & Bevill State Community College) Local transportation and transportation assistance to training and job sites

Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

See additional training programs through collaborative effort of Pickens Board of Education and community college to train in-school and out of school students

Develop collaborative efforts with Career Center and area Temporary Service to increase job possibilities

Seek funding for public transportation